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[redacted] description and sketch of a prison in Brno-Bohunice, construction of which, according to the report, was started in 1954 and completed in 1956.

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Construction was executed by "Moravostav" nat. enterprise, Brno, construction division D.

the old prison at Brno-Cejl, which is to be transferred to the new tracks. Three dwelling houses for supervisors were built during the construction of the prison. Already before the end of 1955 the supervisors lived there, but worked still at the Cejl prison.

2. Location: The prison is situated at Brno-Bohunice, near the central cemetery, flanked on west by "Jihlavska cesta" and on north by infection-hospital objects.

Opposite the main entrance on the road to Bohunice is a bus station. (Bus No. 50 Brno-Vaclavska, Liskovec, Ostopovice).

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3. Description:

(1) The periphery of the prison, a 200 x 200 m square is surrounded by a wall 3.5 m high. The jail is divided into two parts: The three dwelling houses near the road and the jail proper, separated by a wall. In addition to it, along the inside of the wall is a wire fence and there is a open space for a road between the wall and the fence.

In the corners around the proper jail there are concrete bases for watch towers, built in May 1956.

(2) In the front part of the jail square are three three-storied buildings for supervisors. The first building near the road is about 70 x 15 m, the rear two buildings are only 50 m long.

(3) Parallel with the road, with behind the second wall is situated about 150 m long four-storied building, about 25 m wide. In that building is the administrative section of the jail and investigation offices. In the south north part of the building is the microphone-listening center with connections from the microphones in the cells.

On south, adjacent to the building is the garage.

(4) To north and south part of the administrative building are adjacent four-storied prison buildings. Further two prison buildings are in the courtyard; they are about 100 m long and 25 m wide. The buildings are of ferro-concrete. In all buildings at every floor there are 40 cells of different size. The windows are about 1 x 1 m with many iron bars. Average size of a cell is about 4.5 x 2.5 m. The floor is paved by concrete bricks. In each cell is central heating, a wash-basin and a water closet.

4. Microphones in the walls:

In some cells there are microphones built into right corner of the ceiling. The microphones are covered by a thin board about 10 x 10 cm, built into the

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ceiling and connected with the microphone listening center in the administrative building.

The microphones were installed by mechanics of "Moravostav" installation works at Prerov.

It is not known, if the microphones are in all cells.

5. The floors are separated by iron-bar doors. The cell doors were not yet installed in January 1956.



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